

to Mrs. Donna Doherty, this year's recipient of the Sam and Jane Cali Star Award presented by the Broadway Theatre League of NEPA in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Each year the award is presented to a distinguished community leader who has demonstrated exemplary dedication and service to the arts in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Named for the current president of the Broadway Theatre League of NEPA, Sam Cali and his late wife, Jane Nicolais Cali, the award is sponsored by the Fidelity Deposit Discount Bank and will be presented this year at the BTL's season opening gala on November 3.

Married to Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty, Donna Doherty has a long history of dedicated service in promoting the arts. In addition to serving on the board of trustees of the Everhart Museum in Scranton, Mrs. Doherty served as Scranton coordinator for "Miles of Mules," an initiative of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor that combined history and art, linking communities in eastern Pennsylvania.

Her long-standing enthusiasm for the arts is evidenced by the success of her numerous arts related community efforts. In 2001, Mrs. Doherty committed herself to "Art and Jazz on the Ave," a project that showcased the energy, diversity and skills of the region's many artists. Using empty retail stores on a historically preserved block of downtown Scranton as gallery space, the event offered juried competition that included over 100 local artists. Accompanied by a street festival featuring local jazz musicians and culinary stylists, the event attracted the attention of thousands of people.

Mrs. Doherty has also served as co-chair of "Arts in Bloom," a fund raising event that benefits the Everhart Museum. Mrs. Doherty is currently the owner of Heart to Art, a full service design and marketing company dedicated to building better communities through collaborative art experiences. Mrs. Doherty and her husband are the parents of six children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Doherty on this auspicious occasion. Her selfless devotion to the arts has been an enriching experience for so many and has had a lasting positive impact on improving the quality of life for all who live and work in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I inadvertently missed last Wednesday's vote on final passage of H.R. 2895. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yes" on the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.

VISION CARE FOR KIDS ACT 2007

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my continued support for children's vi-

sion awareness and the Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007 (H.R. 507). Unfortunately, millions of children in the United States suffer from vision problems, many of which go undetected and negatively affect a child's life.

I know all too well how important it is to have a regular eye exam. When I was young, my own eyesight problems caused me to struggle in school until those problems were properly diagnosed and corrected.

This legislation will help improve access to eyesight testing and follow-up treatment for children so they can see, study, and learn to the best of their ability. I hope the Senate will pass this critical legislation so we ensure that our children are receiving the best eye care possible.

Madam Speaker, I urge everyone to support this legislation and I look forward to working with my colleagues as we strive to increase awareness in preventive vision care for children.

HONORING YUM! BRANDS AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the partnership of YUM! Brands and the World Food Programme (WFP) for their efforts during World Hunger Relief Week.

A 2006 report by the Food and Agriculture Organization estimated that 854 million people worldwide suffer from hunger. This is more people than the populations of the United States, Canada and the entire European Union combined. Hunger is the number one risk to health worldwide. It weakens the immune system, making people, especially children, vulnerable to life-threatening diseases. A report by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that over 5 million children die before the age of 5 from malnutrition.

YUM! Brands, which is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky has been fighting hunger in the United States for over 10 years. During this period, they have donated over 97 million pounds of food to combat hunger in the United States.

When YUM! Brands wanted to expand their efforts worldwide, they searched for a well established organization that shared their same long-term global mission of eliminating hunger. After an extensive search YUM! Brands teamed with the World Food Programme (WFP). The WFP has been providing food aid to the world for over 41 years. Given the background of both these organizations I know they will make a significant difference toward eradicating this epidemic.

The partnership has already launched an important initiative to bring awareness to and stop world hunger. During World Hunger Relief Week, October 14th–20th, YUM! Brands will be activating a global campaign of TV advertisements, print ads and public service announcements. YUM! Brands employees will mobilize in their communities to bring awareness to this cause. The company will simultaneously promote the partnership and raise millions in funds for the WFP to use in feeding the hungry around the world.

I salute YUM! Brands and their partnership with WFP to end world hunger. I encourage my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in supporting this partnership during World Hunger Relief Week.

HONORING DR. HOWARD KNOBLOCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Howard Knobloch of Bay City, Michigan. The Bay Medical Foundation will honor Dr. Knobloch for over 60 years of work as a pediatrician in the Bay City community at a dinner to be held on October 24th.

Dr. Knobloch graduated from Maryland University Medical School in 1936. After completing his internship and pediatric residency, Dr. Knobloch joined the practice of Dr. Fernald Foster in 1940. From 1942 to 1946 he served as an Army captain. Once his military service was completed, Dr. Knobloch returned to Bay City and resumed his illustrious career as a pediatrician.

His motto is, "If this were my child, what would I do for him?" and Dr. Knobloch has lived this philosophy daily. In the beginning, he charged \$2 for an office visit and \$3 for a home visit. He was still making home visits at the age of 77. He never turned away a patient and held office hours 6 days a week. He also served on the staff of Bay Regional Medical Center for 60 years, holding various positions during that time. He was Chief of the Medical Staff for two terms, Medical Staff Secretary/Treasurer for two terms, Vice-President for eight terms and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics for 35 years.

His peers have recognized Dr. Knobloch on numerous occasions. The Michigan Academy of Pediatrics has awarded him the Franklin D. Roosevelt Service Award, the Harry S. Truman Service Award, and in 1996 named him Doctor of the Year. The American Academy of Pediatrics presented him with the Pediatric Review and Education Program Award. In 1990 the Michigan State Medical Society recognized him as the oldest practicing physician in their membership and in 2002 Bay Regional Medical Center presented the first Excellence in Teaching Award. This award was created in honor of Dr. Knobloch for his dedication, commitment and compassion for the health care of the community. Recently at the age of 96, Dr. Knobloch published an autobiographical book entitled, "An American Pediatrician's Odyssey."

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the life and career of Dr. Howard Knobloch. He is an inspiration to all health care providers, and anyone desiring to improve and deliver quality healthcare to our children.